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by deleting the caption of the introduced resolution and by substituting instead the following:

A RESOLUTION to direct the Department of Transportation to study highway-railroad crossings and related issues.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the preamble clause immediately preceding the first resolving clause and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the many public safety, economic growth and other issues related to highway-railroad crossings directly affects the welfare and quality of life for many Tennesseans, and these important and timely issues should be carefully and exhaustively studied by the Department of Transportation; now, therefore,

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the resolving clauses of the introduced resolution in their entirety and by substituting instead the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to study the safety of existing highway-railroad crossings, the closing of redundant highway-railroad crossings, the need for new crossings, the statutory authority of state government to resolve these issues, and all other public safety and economic growth issues relevant to highway-railroad crossings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in conducting this study, the Department of Transportation shall consult with the following interested parties, as appropriate:

- City and county agencies responsible for streets and highways;
- Representatives of the railroad industry, including shortline railroads;

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- State agencies, including the Department of Safety and the Department of Economic and Community Development;
- Appropriate federal agencies, including the Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the National Transportation Safety Board;
- Tennessee Operation Lifesaver; and
- Representatives of other states with experiences that might be useful to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation's study shall include, but shall not be limited to, the question of whether or not state government should have authority over the closing of existing highway-railroad crossings and/or the creation of new crossings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation shall timely report its findings and recommendations relative to such study, including any proposed legislation, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than January 15, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

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